DODGE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 127 EAST OAK STREET JUNEAU, WI 53039 MAY 28, 2013

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on May 28, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, William Muche, and Bob Roell.

Also Present: Marc Bethke, Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, County Administrator; Joe Giebel, Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department Code Manager; and Mike Stanek, Dodge County UW-Extension Service Crops and Soils Agent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting; seconded by Roell. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: There were no public appearances or comments.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Mike Stanek introduced himself as the new Dodge County UW-Extension Service Crops and Soils Agent.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: Marc Bethke presented four new and revised conservation plans under the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign the plans as presented; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SPONSORING AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON MANURE SPREADING ISSUES:

Marc Bethke updated the committee on developments since the April Land Conservation Committee meeting related to concerns over winter spread manure. Following a special meeting between lake representatives and county officials on May 1st, and in response to a letter from the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District asking Dodge County to sponsor a meeting between farmers and lake representatives to explore the feasibility of creating a county ordinance to regulate manure spreading, Dodge County has alternatively offered to organize and sponsor one or more educational forums to be attended by lake residents, farmers, rural landowners and others where information would be shared related to the issue of manure spreading, as well as other issues of interest. The committee discussed the merits of sponsoring these educational forums. Dodge County UW-Extension Service staff and Land Conservation Department staff will continue to prepare for these meetings. The first step will be to prepare and conduct a survey to assess what are perceived to be the most critical issues to feature at these educational forums.

MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE - NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING UPDATE:

Marc Bethke updated the committee on the status of Nutrient Management Plan Checklists submitted by Dodge County Manure Storage Ordinance permittees for the 2013 growing season. Currently there are four (4) permittees that have not yet submitted nutrient management plan checklists for 2013 to confirm that they have a nutrient management plan for the current growing season. Department staff will make additional personal contacts, but if checklists are not submitted, the Dodge County Corporation Counsel's office will be consulted regarding enforcement options.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: Two Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance were presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign Voluntary Noticed of Noncompliance for Donald and Joan Link, Towns of Elba; and for Rachel Strauss, Town of Portland; seconded by Miller. Motion carried. A copy of the 2013 annual certification letter and report form were distributed to committee members. The committee was informed of the need to pursue changes to state law that would allow the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to release the names of those who have taken tax credits under the Farmland Preservation Program. Committee members indicated that they would be willing to contact state legislators regarding this needed change.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Howard Kriewald reported that a key item of discussion at the most recent Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting was the issue of winter spread manure. Bob Roell was not able to attend the most recent meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District because of needing to attend another meeting of the Rock River Coalition, and therefore was not able to give a report.

CORRESPONDENCE: A copy of a letter from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) commenting on proposed revisions to state administrative rule ATCP 50 was shared with committee members. Also, an email from Jim Vandenbrook of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) regarding actions taken to restore funding to LCD's that had been removed under the previous biennial budget was also shared with committee members.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Miller to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

Howard Kriewald – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on April 24, 2013 – per diem and 20 miles; and, Dale Macheel – One (1) meal on March 11, 2013 at the WLWCA Annual Conference. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:00 AM; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Ed Nelson, Chair

Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Joe's Auto Service – Oil Change & Rotate Tires on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$ 39.00
USDA-APHIS First Quarter 2013 Wildlife Crop Damage	
Program Invoice =	\$ 4.325.49
Office Max – Misc. Office Supplies =	\$ 17.74
Farmstead Mechanization, Inc Land & Water Cost Sharing For	4 , 2 , , , , , ,
Nutrient Management =	\$ 8,624.00
Marc Bethke – April 2013 Expenses =	\$ 84.85
Wheeler's Laura's Lane Nursery - Final Payment For 2013 Small	•
Packet Tress =	\$10,291.50
One Landowner – Land & Water Cost Sharing =	\$ 420.00
TOTAL =	\$23,802.58
(DEVENITE)	
(REVENUE)	

35 Small Packet Tree Sales =		\$	883.42
Two Landowners – Tree Planter Rentals =		\$	95.83
DATCP – Land & Water Cost Share Reimbursement =	•	<u>\$</u>	8,624.00
	TOTAL =	\$	9,603.25

MAY 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Spent approximately 40 hours on various work activities attempting to address concerns over winter spread manure in Dodge County
- Land Conservation Department staff prepared and distributed 23,000 trees under the department's small packet tree sales program during the week of May 13-17
- Prepared and signed several Land & Water Resource Management Program cost share agreements for well abandonment
- Have begun preparing state paperwork necessary for new 15-year agreements under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). This program was on stand-by for months until the federal farm bill could be acted on and approved.
- Received notice from DNR of a couple complaints regarding barnyard runoff in the Towns of Fox Lake and Hustisford the landowners involved have been directed to seek technical assistance from Land Conservation Department staff

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

 May 29, 2013 – Southern Area Association Spring Meeting in Mount Horeb – Bill Muche will attend with Marc Bethke